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RACE MEETING, 1917.

Saturday (off-day).
3rd March.

TICKETS of ADMISSION to the GRAND STAND and ENCLOSURE may be obtained from Messrs. Kelly and Walsh, Ltd., or at the Gate. Price \$10 for the Meeting (excluding the Off Day), or \$4 per day. Tickets for the Off Day, \$3.

No one admitted without a Ticket, to be shown to the Ticket Inspector at the Gate.

T. F. HOUGH,
Clerk of the Course,
Hongkong, Feb. 23, 1917. 1525

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE STEWARDS request the pleasure of the presence of the LADIES at the GRAND STAND and the ENCLOSURE during the Races.

A Stand and Enclosure will be reserved for Members and Members' Wives and Families. Tickets for which are being sent out with the Members' Tickets.

All Tickets must be produced to gain admission.

Special accommodation will be reserved as in recent years for Chinese Ladies and their Females attendants in the Stand erected on the plot of ground next to the Lusitano Club Stand.

T. F. HOUGH,
Clerk of the Course,
Hongkong, Feb. 23, 1917. 1526

NOTICE.

A PROPOS of the above, Members are hereby notified that although Membership of the JOCKEY CLUB entitles them to free admission to the Enclosure and Stands during the Race Meeting an opportunity is given to them to make a special contribution to the War Charities by also purchasing an admission Ticket at the Gate. A Book will be in the care of the Gate Keeper in which Members are asked to record any such purchases.

T. F. HOUGH,
Clerk of the Course,
Hongkong, Feb. 23, 1917. 1527

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

PASSES for Servants will be issued on application to the undersigned on SATURDAY, the 2nd instant.

No Servants will be allowed inside the ENCLOSURE of the Race Course during the Race Days WITHOUT TICKETS which can be had on application to the Undersigned. These Tickets are only available for Servants who are in attendance on their employers or when on duty at the various Stands.

Any Chinese found littering about with Servants' passes in their possession will forfeit them and the holders therefore will be removed from the Enclosure.

T. F. HOUGH,
Clerk of the Course,
Hongkong, Feb. 23, 1917. 1528

UNIVERSITY OF HONGKONG.

MATRICULATION, SENIOR AND JUNIOR LOCAL EXAMINATIONS.

NOTICE is hereby given that these Examinations will commence on MONDAY, July 9th, 1917.

Arrangements will be made to hold the Examination at any town where a sufficient number of candidates offer themselves. Candidates who wish to be examined at any other place than Hongkong or Shanghai must apply to the Registrar on or before April 2nd, 1917.

Forms of entry and all particulars can be obtained on application to the REGISTRAR, THE UNIVERSITY, HONGKONG.

The entry form, duly filled in, must reach the Registrar together with the fee (Ten dollars, Hongkong Currency) on or before May 2nd, 1917.

The following Scholarships and Prizes will be awarded on the results of the Matriculation Examination provided that candidates of sufficient merit offer themselves.

(a) The King Edward VII Scholarships of £20 a year each, for five years tenable in any University. A candidate for these scholarships must be under the age of 21 on July 1st and must before the first day of the examination submit to the Registrar proof that he is a British subject.

(b) One President's Scholarship of four hundred dollars (Peking currency) for five years, tenable in any Faculty. A candidate for this Scholarship must be under the age of 21 years on July 1st and must before the first day of the examination submit to the Registrar proof that he is the son of Chinese parents; that he was not born in any British Possession or Protectorate; that he has not adopted any foreign nationality; and that he is not eligible to compete for a King Edward VII Scholarship.

(c) The Chinese General Chamber of Commerce Scholarships of \$300 dollars a year each, for 4 years, tenable in the Faculty of Engineering. These scholarships will be awarded to poor students who would otherwise be unable to enter the University.

(d) Five cash prizes of \$100 each (Hongkong Currency).

Candidates who secure King Edward VII or President's Scholarship or cash prizes must enter the University on the day on which the University session opens and must reside in one of the hostels directly managed by the University.

The examinations will be conducted according to the "Regulations for the Senior and Junior Local Examinations and for the Matriculation Examination, 1917."

Hongkong, Feb. 23, 1917. 1537

INTIMATIONS

QUEEN MARY'S NEEDLEWORK GUILD.

1. ADY MAY, President of the Guild in this Colony, invites all Ladies interested in the organisation of working parties for war work—whether in connection with the War Charities Committee or not—to attend a MEETING at GOVERNMENT HOUSE on WEDNESDAY, 7th March at 10.30 A.M. for the discussion of matters of general interest.

Hongkong, Feb. 23, 1917. 1541

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

THE FINAL DIVIDEND declared for the Year ending 31st December, 1916, at the rate of TWO POUNDS THREE SHILLINGS Sterling together with a BONUS of TEN SHILLINGS per share is payable on and after MONDAY the 25th day of February, Current, at the Offices of the Corporation, where Shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

By Order of the Court of Directors,

N. J. STABBE,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, Feb. 24, 1917. 1531

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED & REDUCED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, 1st March to SATURDAY, 31st March, 1917, both days inclusive.

The return of Capital of \$5.50 per share will be paid to Shareholders on and after the 15th March, 1917, on presentation of Share Certificates for endorsement.

By Order of

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
Hongkong, Feb. 23, 1917. 1523

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE THIRTY-THIRD ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHARE-HOLDERS in the above Company will be held at St. George's Building, Charter Road, Victoria, on SATURDAY, the 19th March, 1917 at 11.30 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December, 1916 and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 5th March, 1917, until SATURDAY, the 10th March, 1917, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMEY & Co.
General Managers.

Hongkong, Feb. 26, 1917. 1534

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Hongkong, Feb. 28, 1917. 1533

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HONGKONG AND CHINA

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HONGKONG HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

ANNUAL SHOW of FLOWERS and VEGETABLES, to be held in the BOTANIC GARDENS.

T H U R S D A Y.
the 8th March, at 2 to 5 p.m.
Admission 80c.

LADY MAY
will present the Prizes at 5 p.m.
F R I D A Y,
the 9th March, at 10.30 to 1 p.m.
Admission 50 cents.
at 3 to 6 p.m.
Admission 20 cents.

The Band of the 18th Punjab will play on both days. Tea will be obtainable on the Ground.

A. NICOL,
Hon. Secretary,
Hongkong, March 1, 1917. 1543

THE DIARY

General Memoranda

SATURDAY, March 3.—
H.K. Jockey Club Race Meeting Off Day.

MONDAY, March 5.—

10.30 a.m.—Auction of Jewellery, Watches etc. at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.

5.15 p.m.—Meeting of Members of H.K. Gymkhana Club.

WEDNESDAY, March 7.—
10.30 a.m.—Meeting at Government House of Ladies interested in War Work.

3 p.m.—Auction of Race Ponies outside City Hall.

THURSDAY & FRIDAY, March 9.—
H.K. Society's Annual Flower and Vegetable Show.

SATURDAY, March 10.—
11.30 a.m.—Hongkong Rope Co. Meeting.

THE CHINA MAIL

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But the Somme battle has placed beyond doubt the ability of the Allies to gain those objects. The German Army is the minnow of the Central Powers, and a full half of that Army, despite all the advantages of the defensive, supported by the strongest fortifications, suffered defeat on the Somme this year. Neither victory nor the vanquished will forget this; and, though bad weather has given the enemy a respite, there will undoubtedly be many thousands in his ranks who will begin the new campaign with little confidence in their ability to resist our assaults or to overcome our defence. Our new Army entered the battle with the determination to win and with confidence in their power to do so. They have proved to themselves, to the enemy, and to the world that this confidence was justified, and in the fierce struggle they have been through they have learned many valuable lessons which will help them in the future.

The German retirement in the Valley of the Acre is a recognition by the enemy of his inability to resist the assaults of the British Army which were impending there, and also of his inability to overcome our defence, and it must confirm and strengthen, if that be possible, the faith which the Allies feel in their ability to win in this terrific struggle.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

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THE WAR NEWS.

In the successes achieved by British arms in the Valley of the Acre and in Mesopotamia we have the best of evidence that solid reasons exist for the belief generally shared by the Allies that the year 1917 will see the final triumph of their arms. No one will be deceived—least of all the enemy's troops—by the explanations that the retreats are merely "strategic retirements." It is impossible to believe that the retreating troops in the region of the Acre can view the retirement as anything but a confession of British superiority, and it is hardly likely to strengthen their courage which it is amply testified in thousands of captured letters was very badly shaken by the operations on the Somme front last summer, for they experienced then the effects of a continuous artillery assault from a greater number of guns, firing an enormously greater number of high explosives than was ever employed before by any army in the world—and they have constantly since been afforded foretastes of what is to come when the weather conditions are favourable for the commencement of the offensive in real earnest. The Somme operations established the fact of our superiority in material, and they steadily undermined the courage and determination of the German troops. The constantly increasing pressure on the Germans which has since been maintained has probably told as much on the German morale as on the German defences. It is obvious that the German retreat gives very considerable advantages—material, moral and scientific—to our troops. We may very appropriately recall in this connection the closing words of Sir DOUGLAS HAIG's historic despatch on the Somme operations. "The enemy's power," wrote the Commander-in-Chief of the British Army, "has not yet been broken; nor is it yet possible to form an estimate of the time the war may last before the object for which the Allies are fighting have been attained.

THE MAGISTRACY.

A PICKPOCKET'S TRICK.

Before Mr. Melbourne this morning a coachman from Annan deposed that while looking into a shop window in Des Vaux Road yesterday a man picked his jacket pocket of a purse containing \$5.60. He seized the pickpocket but the thief managed to pass the stolen purse to a confederate who ran away. The coachman, however, delivered his prisoner into the custody of the Police and appeared as complainant against him.

The defendant pleaded not guilty to the charge of pocket picking, stating that he was but one of a crowd standing in front of the shop window and the complainant had probably seized him by mistake.

There were no witnesses to the alleged pocket picking and His Worship discharged the defendant.

ALLEGED THEFT OF A TELESCOPE.

Two employees of the Military Hospital appeared before Mr. Melbourne this morning, one charged with the larceny of a telescope and the other with receiving stolen property.

It was alleged that the first defendant stole a telescope from Corporal Andrew Gilchrist, R.A.M.C., at the Military Hospital and sold it to the second defendant for twenty cents.

The first defendant pleaded not guilty to the charge but admitted having taken the telescope, stating that he had believed it to be broken and of no further use to the owner.

The second defendant stated that he was told that the telescope had been given to the first defendant.

After hearing the evidence His Worship fined the defendants ten dollars each with a caution.

ANOTHER ARMS AND AMMUNITION CASE.

The chief cook and two stewards of a Japanese ship were charged before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning with the illegal possession of arms and ammunition.

Sergeant Fincott stated that nine revolvers and 4,000 rounds of ammunition had been discovered in one of the ship's storerooms in charge of the defendants.

The defendants pleaded not guilty to the offence and stated that they knew nothing of the contraband found in the storeroom.

Evidence was heard and His Worship discharged all three defendants.

ALLEGED VICTIM OF A CONSPIRACY.

A Chinaman appeared before Mr. Wood this morning in answer to a charge of pocket picking.

The defendant, who was represented by Mr. Grist, said that he was falsely charged and stated that he was the victim of a conspiracy between the complainant and the watchman who had arrested him. He then explained that while in a crowded match at the races, the complainant approached him, thrust some money into his jacket pocket and called the watchman to arrest him.

The defendant's story, however, did not satisfy the magistrate, who sentenced the alleged victim of a conspiracy to three months' hard labour.

AN OPIUM CASE.

In Mr. Wood's Court, this afternoon, a Chinese pleaded guilty to the charge of having in his possession 65 taels of prepared opium other than Government opium and 50 taels of opium dress, not being Government opium.

Mr. Crew of Massa Hastings and Hastings, who appeared as solicitor for the defendant, said that the defendant had arrived on a steamer which recently came in port and although he admitted that he intended to take the opium into China he was not informed that the drug was contraband in Hongkong.

Evidence having been heard, His Worship imposed a fine of \$2,500, for the possession of the prepared opium, or in default of payment, a sentence of six months' hard labour, and for the possession of the opium dress, a fine of \$500 or as an alternative, three months' hard labour.

On account of the diplomatic crisis, the Peking Gazette says, the Chinese Government has deemed it necessary to set up a number of new wireless telegraph stations in ten different strategic ports along the coast, including Chingtao, Taku and Chungking. Surviving parties have been sent to these places for this purpose.

WEDDING AT THE CATHEDRAL.

CHAMPION-WILSON.

At St. John's Cathedral this afternoon, in the presence of many friends, Mr. Cyril Champkin, manager of the Merchant's Bank in Hongkong, son of Mr. James Hedges Champkin of Eastbourne, was married to Constance Gwendoline Wilson, only child of Mr. John Boswell Guy Wilson of Pakefield, Suffolk, the service being taken by the Rev. H. Copley Moyle.

The bride, who was given away by Mr. Evan Ormiston, wore a dress of Georgette embroidered in silver over chiffon.

The bridesmaids were Miss Angel Ormiston and the Misses Joyce and Dorothy Holyoak. Their dresses were of white net with yellow bangles, and they wore white net hats with true "lovers' knots" in yellow panne, and carried baskets of daffodils.

The best man was Lieut. T. Murphy, R.R.V.C.

The service was choral and included the hymns "Thine for ever God of Love" and "O Perfect Love," and the Wedding March was played by Mr. Denman Fuller as the bridal party left the church.

I crossed on Christmas Eve, along with about 600 other officers of all ranks, and of all sorts and sizes. In my journey to the dug-out I continually ran across "Chin hands." At — one of the Transport Officers seized me by the hand and he turned out to be a fellow named Storrie, who used to be in Powell's. In the Transport was an R.A.M.C. Captain who used to live at the Peak Hotel, and Hamilton of the China Light and Power. On the wharf at a man waved to me. He was Major Wakefield, whom I last saw on the Falls verandah. In the club at — I met Richardson of B. and S. who used to be in the Scouts Co. In our mess at the Base I saw a lot of letters, with the Hongkong postmark, lying for Roggie Stokes. I left a note for him, but did not meet him, as he was away somewhere.

I was kept two days at the Base; we were kept at it all day doing bombing and bayonet-fighting.

I got orders to join the — and spent a whole day in the train, playing bridge in a cattle truck with some officers.

At night I was billeted above a butcher's shop in a small French town. As neither the butcher's wife nor I spoke each other's language, our conversation was limited.

I reached our camp the following afternoon, and found that the battalion was about to move up to the trenches. Our march was about seven miles; we began by daylight, but finished up in darkness—with French guides directing us. The country looks somewhat curious, as every farm and church we passed had been smashed to pieces. All the peasantry have fled from it, and the only things one meets are soldiers, Red Cross wagons, gun carriages, and lorries.

I share my dug-out with two officers.

In private life, one is Government official from Kuala Lumpur, and the other is a London solicitor. There is just room to stand upright in the dug-out; we have three camp beds, and a table. After many gallant efforts, our orderly managed to light a fire. The place is lit by candles all day, and one feels rather like a rabbit.

The men live in two adjoining dug-outs.

I take my hat off, metaphorically, to Tommy Atkins every time I see him. He looks extraordinary in his tin helmet, his gas mask, and his very muddy uniform; but he is always cheerful and seems ready for anything.

The feature, to my mind, of the new Army is its youth. One meets any amount of captains aged 20. Our General is 33, and was a Captain before the war. He lives in the cellar of a rather fine chateau. The place has escaped the universal shelling, as it is surrounded by trees. It dates from Louis XIV and has a splendid banqueting hall with coats of arms on its walls.

All day and all night—with intervals

—one listens to the music of the big guns. No one is allowed to be without his gas mask sitting round him, and elaborate precautions are taken in case of a gas attack.

The life is not a bad one, and at times it has an extremely amusing side.

We are always dirty, we are always sleeping in mud; and we usually sleep with our clothes on. One seems to get used to these discomforts, and, in spite of the damp, one feels extremely well. I get a lot of amusement out of it and it wouldn't be missing it for anything. One meets so many types of men, and they seem to have come from all parts of the world.

"Au revoir, and every New Year wish to yourself and all in W. and G."

AT THE FRONT.

EXPERIENCES OF A HONGKONG VOLUNTEER.

The following interesting extracts are from a letter written by Mr. F. W. Wile of the Daily Mail staff on January 17th, sent the following rejoinder to the Times in reply to the repudiation from Sir John Jordan that at the outbreak of the war "30 British Consuls in China were Germans":

"I desire to take the earliest possible opportunity to say that I was misinformed by the person who caused me to state that at the outbreak of war as many as 30 British Consuls in China were Germans. He appears to have been equally mistaken in alleging that many appointments in the Chinese Customs Service created by Britons who came home to fight are now filled by Germans. I regret exceedingly having given publicity, even on a single occasion, to such misleading utterances. I need hardly add that they will not be repeated in future deliveries of my lecture on 'Germany's Mobilization for Peace'."

It is possible that my informant may have been deceived into thinking that there were Germans in the British Consular Service in China by the officially acknowledged fact that in July, 1914, there were hundreds of foreigners, including dozens of Germans and Austrians or Hungarians, in that service.

Among them were

TELEGRAMS.

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THE LACONIA OUTRAGE

TERRIBLE EXPERIENCES IN A WATER-LOGGED BOAT.

LONDON, Feb. 27.—The two American ladies, who were victims of the *Laconia*, were among the seven people who died from exposure out of 21 occupants of a water-logged boat. A priest, on board said that the boat hit 'the *Laconia's* stern when being lowered. The plank burst and the boat drifted, without oars or oarlock, filled with water up to the gunwale, from ten o'clock at night to 3 o'clock the next afternoon.

Everybody crowded into the bows and stern of the boat, and the waves washed, some overboard. Others, including an American negro, who died, were thrown into the sea as the weight of the bodies would have endangered the water-logged boat.

While the priest was holding the interview a lady at his side was sobbing bitterly. She was an actress coming to England to be married, and had seen her fiance die in the boat.

LATER.

One hundred and sixty-five of the crew of the *Laconia* have crossed from Dublin to Liverpool. The majority were previously on board the torpedoed *Franconia*.

Further stories of the survivors confirm the statement that the *Laconia* was twice torpedoed. She was first hit in the storm. The Captain ordered all lights to be turned on to facilitate the escape of the passengers and crew. The boat listed, then righted herself and was sinking slowly, while the submarine reappeared and torpedoed the engine room, though the boats were close by and quite visible in the blaze of electric light.

The *Laconia* sank immediately and the Captain and several officers had to swim.

Subsequently the submarine bobbed up again astern of a boat crowded with women and demanded the handing over of the captain. Receiving an evasive answer it finally vanished.

A steward kept one boatful of people alive by giving imitations of Harry Lauder and other comedians, forcing all to sing in the chorus until they were picked up.

ANOTHER LUSITANIA CASE.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—Official despatches confirm the deaths of American subjects who were on board the *Laconia*, thus establishing the overt act; which is regarded as another *Lusitania* case.

President Wilson and the State Department officials consider that no steps should be taken until Congress acts upon the President's request for authority to arm merchantmen. The sinking of the *Laconia* will hasten the action of Congress.

The Committees of both Houses have been busy re-drafting the Bill, but it is now expected that they will assent to the Government's wish that the Bill shall be passed without any change being made.

DUTCH OFFICERS INTERVIEWED.

LONDON, Feb. 28.—Officers of the *Eemland*, interviewed in London, state that simultaneously with the submarine's order to stop, a torpedo was fired, just missing the *Eemland's* stern. The Captain, replying in the darkness to a peremptory command to quit the ship, said: "We are for the Dutch Government." The only answer was: "Five minutes." The submarine was exceptionally large and had two guns. We had to leave everything behind, even the ship's papers, and we drifted in boats for twelve hours, thinly clad. We were picked up by a British vessel at 6 o'clock in the morning. The submarine made the officers of other Dutch boats take bombs to destroy the *Eemland*, but, firstly, pillaged the wine and food.

NEWSPAPER COMMENTS.

The newspapers express horror at the outrage and sympathy for the Dutch nation, but emphasize that the Dutch are victims of their reliance on German promises and their disregard of the protection of the British Admiralty. They ex-

press the opinion that Germany is exploiting Holland's anxiety to keep out of the war, turning the screw to see how much the victim will stand; possibly seeking an excuse to make a piratical raid on Holland. They point out that neutrals, Scandinavia included, must now see the mistake of failing to find a basis of common defence against the Grand Empire. They speculate on the attitude of the United States but do not expect it will result in action.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE CAPTURE OF KUT.

GENERAL MAUDE TELEGRAPH DETAILS.

LONDON, Feb. 27.—In the House of Lords, Lord Curzon read a telegram from General Maude stating that on the morning of February 25, the cavalry and infantry moved westward in pursuit of the retreating enemy. Strong Turkish rearguards, supported by artillery, occupied a trench position fifteen miles west north-west of Kut, evidently covering the withdrawal from Baghialah. After an intense bombardment our infantry assaulted the enemy's position and obtained a footing in it, while our cavalry operated round the Turkish northern flank. At least sixty prisoners, as well as numerous flocks, equipment and stores were captured.

Our aeroplanes bombed a steamer towing a Turkish pontoon bridge up the stream with the result that the tow rope was slipped and the pontoon floated down stream. Lord Curzon added that it was evident that the scene of operations had shifted considerably upstream beyond Kut and the success announced yesterday had been followed up. He believed that several thousand prisoners had been taken. It was clear that the slur on our arms, if that phrase was applicable, caused by the events of last year, was now entirely wiped out. (Cheers.)

THE BRITISH ADVANCE.

ANOTHER DISTORTED GERMAN VERSION.

LONDON, Feb. 27.—A German official message transmitted by wireless says:—There have been numerous English advances between Ypres and the Somme, but only one reached the trenches east of Arras and a counter-attack drove it out.

The activity on the East front has increased with the decreasing cold.

AMERICAN ARMED NEUTRALITY.

WARLIKE PREPARATIONS.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—President Wilson's speech foreshadowed that his action will probably be a declaration of "armed neutrality." The Bill introduced in the House of Representatives today provides for a special bond issue of \$100,000,000.

THE BRITISH FLEET.

PHOTOGRAPHS INDICATE COMMANDERS.

LONDON, Feb. 27.—Photographs published show that Rear-Admiral Sir Charles Madden is Second-in-Command of the Grand Fleet and that Rear Admiral Sir William Pakurham commands the Battle Cruiser Fleet.

THE SINKING OF THE LACONIA.

DEATHS FROM EXPOSURE.

LONDON, Feb. 27.—It transpires that eight out of the nine missing from the *Laconia* died in a boat from exposure.

There were six Americans among the passengers and fifteen in the crew of the *Laconia*, who were all saved, except two ladies, who were buried at sea.

THE FOOD QUESTION IN GREAT BRITAIN.

SOLDIERS FOR AGRICULTURAL WORK.

LONDON, Feb. 27.—In the House of Commons, Sir R. Winfrey announced that the War Office proposed to supply 30,000 soldiers for agricultural work. Of these 15,000 would be temporarily released from the Home Defence army for Spring cultivation, while others would work under military control.

TROUBLE AVERTED.

WHAT little cold and sore throat, of yours must be checked at once or it may develop into something worse. Take a few doses of Chamberlain's Couch Powder and your troubles will soon vanish. For sale by all Chemists and Druggists.

THE WAR SAVINGS ASSOCIATION.

REASONS WHY CHINESE SHOULD SUBSCRIBE.

SIR E. FRASER ON ANGLO-CHINESE AMITY.

A meeting of the China and Japan War Savings Association was held at Shanghai last week.

Sir Everard Fraser, K.C.M.G., H.M. Consul-General, who presided, said:—When it was suggested that Chinese merchants should be invited to participate in our Association, which has already grown to considerable size as our Treasurer who is also our Founder will tell you, there arose, of course, objections as objections do arise to novel proposals. These objections may, I think, be boiled down into three. First Chinese men of business would not like the security since they doubted or disbelieved in our coming victory. It is true that our enemies got the start of the Allies by striking at their own time and that they rushed ahead. It is true that we took long to prepare ourselves for the greatest struggle of history and that we are still struggling hard. It is also true that our enemies, both before and during the war, have spared neither time nor money nor labour in impressing on all neutrals, and especially China, their own invincibility. But we believe that you shrewd men of business have sized up the situation and that you do not believe that those who failed with all the advantages of readiness and surprise to aid them will ever win now that in men and in munitions we have the upper hand.

A minor objection is that our rates of interest are not attractive enough, but this does not matter as regards an investment into which come sympathy and desire to further true civilization. Which brings me to the second objection; that we British have fought with your country, and we British have held ourselves too much aloof. Yes, 56 years ago our countries were at war—what of it? Did not war help on China's progress from the impossible backwater in which the tide of history had left her and did it not especially promote trade good for all of us? I do not forget, of course, the Boxer rising, when foreign troops last appeared in China. Nor, I hope, do you forget the manner in which our present enemies treated your people. It would have been well for the Allies if they had taken that warning to heart.

THE FIRST FOREIGN TRADERS.

Yes, we British were the first foreign traders in these parts where Gordon helped to keep your fathers safe from rebel violence. And in all the half century since, this Settlement has attracted your people, who found in justice and liberty. We may be, are, stiff and shy, many of us, but at least we have the same tradition as you men of business, that of a keen lookout should be kept by competent officials for opportunities of extending British commerce.

It is recommended, amongst other things, that every paid British subject should be in the condition at present, but he should be also of British birth and descent. The Committee has come to the conclusion that the interests of British trade and commerce cannot be effectively looked after by an official whose duties are not wholly directed to the expansion and promotion of these interests.

In connection with the above suggestions, it is interesting to note that the Special Committee appointed by the Executive Council of the Association of Chambers of Commerce, over which Sir Algernon Firth presided, has just issued its report and recommendations. The opinion is expressed that what is now required is that every British Consulate should be an "outpost of the Empire," to which British subjects may turn for assistance, and from which a keen lookout

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Hongkong, Feb. 28, 1917. 1538

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R. Burnett writing in the "Daily Express" of January 10th:

The war loan to be issued on Friday will probably be the largest ever asked by any Chancellor of the Exchequer, and at this moment it is interesting to recall some of the typical war loans of former times, and note how the credit of the country rose and fell at different periods;

In 1781 a loan of £12,000,000 was raised,

the subscribers to £11,400,000 of which were to receive for every £100 annual interest at the rate of 3 per cent., and also an annuity terminable in ninety-nine years, of £1,28,64. The subscribers to the remaining £200,000 were entitled to £60,000 lottery tickets at £10 each.

In the lottery there were 11,943 prizes, from two of £10,000 each down to £10, and the blanks were entitled to £6.

The holders of the tickets, however, instead of being paid in money, were to be put in possession of so much 3 per cent. stock, as farmed appointed for them." Thus a prize £10,000 entitled the fortunate adventurer to an income of £300 a year, and a blank, valued at £6, to one of £6 7d. a year.

FICTITIOUS CAPITAL.

Five millions of money was raised at par in 1777 by a loan at 4 per cent., with an annuity of 10s. for ten years. Half a million more was to be obtained by a lottery, the subscriber of £100 of the loan being entitled to one lottery ticket at £10. This loan was highly condemned by the critics of the day, as there was no creation of fictitious capital," which made a really high interest appear a low one. The loan was considered as a good bargain made by the Minister for the public.

Again, in 1781, £12,000,000 was raised by a loan and £180,000 by lottery, the terms of the loan being £150 in the 3 per cent. Consolidated Fund and £25 in the 4 per cent. Consolidated Fund for every £100 paid in, with a privilege to the subscribers of £10 to have four lottery tickets, at £10 each. This loan was severely criticised. The Opposition of the time argued that, besides the douceur ("or" in the jargon of stock-jobbing, the bonus"), a term which had evidently been new at that time) of the lottery tickets, the real interest payable on the money borrowed was 54 per cent., and the capital of the debt created, instead of £12,000,000, was actually £21,000,000.

It was further affirmed that the Ministers' friends were enabled to pocket 9 or 10 per cent. on the sums affixed to their names the very next day without advancing one penny, and it was argued that such high interest with Government security made it extremely difficult, if not quite impossible, for individuals to borrow any money on legal interest, whether for the extension of commerce and manufacture or the improvement of agriculture.

A loan in 1793 is worth mentioning, because, although it was only for the small sum of £4,500,000, the subscribers received £100 in the 3 per cent. Consolidated Fund for every £72 paid in by them. This was, perhaps, the greatest direct discount ever offered in a British loan. The real amount of debt created was thus £26,000,000.

Last year's French "Loan of Victory," which was greeted by our Gallic Allies with shouts of "Vive le peuple, vive la République!" was rivalled by a loan of £18,000,000 raised in 1796, the subscribers to which received for every £100 paid in by them £12 10s. in a new 6 per cent. fund.

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HONGKONG TIDES.

The tide-table given below has been compiled at the National Almanac Office in London from the results of the analysis of observations taken by means of an automatic tide-recording machine in the Water Police Basin at Tsim Sha Tsui during the years 1887-89.

The zero of the table corresponds with the zero of the sounding in the Admiralty Chart, which has been found to be 4 feet 4 inches below mean sea level.

To obtain the depth of water on the tide gauge at the Victoria Naval Yard add 3 feet 4 inches and on the gauge at Lemon Dock, Aberdeen, add 10 feet 4 inches to the height given in the table.

March 1st to 8th, 1917.

	High Water	Low Water	Mean High Water	Mean Low Water	Mean Height	Mean Time	Mean Height
1	29.60	30.08	30.09	30.09	0.48	11.45	0.48
2	60	60	51	51	9	11.45	9
3	88	85	86	86	3	11.45	3
4	Direction of Wind		NNE	N			
5	Wind Force	2	3	1			
6	Weather	od	or	or			
7	Rain.	0.01	0.00	0.70			

Previous day On date at 8 a.m. On date at 8 p.m.

Barometer ... 29.60 30.08 30.09
Temperature ... 60 60 51
Humidity ... 88 85 86
Direction of Wind ... NNE N
Wind Force ... 2 3 1
Weather ... od or or
Rain ... 0.01 0.00 0.70

Highest open air temperature on the 1st of March was 30.09 degrees. The mean temperature for the month was 29.60 degrees.

T. F. CLAXTON, Director.

Hongkong Observatory, March 1, 1917.

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One hour, 25 "
Three hours, 50 "
Six hours, 70 "
Day (6 a.m. to 6 p.m.), \$1.00

If the trip is extended beyond Victoria, half fare extra.

Between the hours of 8.30 p.m. and 6 a.m. the above fares shall be increased by 50 per centum.

II.—Beyond Victoria, with four Bearers.

Hour, 0.60 cents.
Three hours, \$1.00.
Six hours, 1.50 "
Day (6 a.m. to 6 p.m.), 2.00 "

If the trip is extended beyond Victoria, half fare extra.

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III.—In the Hill District.

With 2 Bearers With 4 Bearers.

Quarter hour, \$0.15 0.30
Half hour, 0.20 0.40
One hour, 0.30 0.60
Two hours, 0.50 0.80
Three hours, 0.70 1.00
Six hours, 1.00 1.50
Day (6 a.m. to 6 p.m.), 2.00

If the trip is extended beyond Victoria, half fare extra.

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IV.—In the Island of Hongkong engaged in Victoria.

Ten minutes, 5 cents.
Quarter hour, 10 "
Half hour, 15 "
One hour, 20 "
Every subsequent hour, 30 "

Note—If the vehicle be engaged within the City of Victoria, and be discharged outside the Western part of the City of Victoria after 9 p.m. or be discharged to the East of Bay View Police Station on the Eastern side of the City of Victoria after 9 p.m., an extra half fare shall be chargeable.

V.—In Kowloon.

Quarter hour, 5 cents.
Half hour, 15 "
Hour, 20 "
Every subsequent hour, 30 "

VI.—Taipo Road.

Twenty cents shall be added for each extra hour or part of an hour if the vehicle causes the journey to take longer than —

To 4th mile single 75 cents...1 hour return \$1.00...2 hours.

Beyond 4th to 6th mile— single \$1.20...2 hours return \$1.50...4 "

Beyond 6th to 9th mile— single \$1.75...2 " return \$2.00...5 "

Beyond 9th to 11th mile— single \$2.00...3 " return \$3.50...7 "

Fare for journeys beyond the 11th mile to be a matter of previous arrangement in each case.

The fares here set out to apply to one ricksha with three coolies from Tsim Sha Tsui.

VII.—In the City of Victoria.

Not exceeding per passenger.
Quarter hour, 10 cents.
Half hour, 10 "
One hour, 20 "
Two hours, 35 "
Three, 50 "
Four, 60 "
Five, 75 "

One day from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., \$1.25

VIII.—In Kowloon.

Not exceeding per passenger.
Quarter hour, 10 cents.
Half hour, 10 "
One hour, 20 "
Two hours, 35 "
Three, 50 "
Four, 60 "
Five, 75 "

One day from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., \$1.25

IX.—Beyond Victoria.

Not exceeding per passenger.
One hour, 25 cents.
Two hours, 45 "
Three, 65 "
Four, 85 "
Five, 105 "

One day from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., \$1.00

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WEATHER REPORT.

On the 1st at 12.10—No returns from Japanese stations. "Pressure" has decreased moderately at Vladivostok and slightly at Weihaiwei. It has increased considerably over S. China, moderately along the east coast, and slightly over the Philippines and Annam.

Strong to fresh monsoon is indicated along the east coast of China, and over the north part of the China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.54 inch. Total since January 1st, 1.25 inches, against an average of 3.17 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon on the 2nd March—

1.—Hongkong to Gap Rock: N.E. winds, strong to fresh; overcast, occasional rain.

2.—Formosa Channel: N.E. gales moderating.

3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamock: The same as No. 1.

4.—South coast of China between Hongkong to Hainan: The same as No. 1.

SHARE REPORT.

MARCH 1ST, 1917.

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Stock and paid up Value	Options 11.30 A.M.	Last Dividend and date.	Rec'd base last year div.
BANKS.			
Hongkong & Shanghai \$125	\$887 ex'd. a.	Final of \$2.87 making \$4.11 for 1916 and bonus of 10/- subject to deduction of income tax	11 p.m.
CANTON \$50	\$75	Final \$1.60 making \$2.65 and Interim of \$1.50 a/c 1916-17	11 p.m.
North China \$5	T. 150	Final div. of 15% making \$2.75 a/c 1916-17	11 p.m.
UNIONS \$100	\$900	Interim of \$30 a/c 1916	11 p.m.
YANGTZE \$60	\$255	Final of \$1.15 making \$1.15 for 1914 and Int. of \$0.10 account 1915	11 p.m.
FIRES INSURANCES.			
China Fire \$20	\$150	\$7 and bonus \$2 for 1914	11 p.m.
Hongkong Fire ... a/c \$0	\$367	\$27 for 1914	11 p.m.
SHIPPING.			
Douglas Steamships \$50	\$108 a.	\$1 final and \$8 bonus, making \$14 a/c 1916-17	11 p.m.
Steamboats \$15	\$19	\$1.25 for 1916	11 p.m.
Indo-Chinas— (Preferred) ... \$25	\$410	Interim of 3/- a/c 1916..	11 p.m.
(Deferred) ... \$25	\$125 a.	Interim of 10/- a/c 1916	11 p.m.
"Shell" Transport £1	106/-	9/- int. a/c 1916 Coupon 27	11 p.m.
"Star Ferry" \$10	\$33	\$1.55 dividend 45 cents Bonus for year ending 30/4/16	11 p.m.
REFINERIES.			
China Sugars \$100	\$1100 b.	\$12 for 1916	11 p.m.
Malson Sugars ... P. 30	\$33	P. 5 for 1916	11 p.m.
MINING.			
Kallans \$1	\$6/-	Final div. 5% free of income tax, making 10% a/c 1915-1916 coupon No. 8	11 p.m.
Langkats gds. 10	T. 194 a.	Tim. 1 for 1916	11 p.m.
Raubs \$1	\$240 a.</td		